

ROGER BACON WINS DIVISION II STATE VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

(Mr. CHABOT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to take a moment to recognize the achievements of an exceptional high school volleyball team from my district, St. Bernard in Cincinnati, the Roger Bacon Lady Spartans.

On November 13, Roger Bacon defeated Millersburg West Holmes to capture Ohio's Division II State volleyball championship. The Lady Spartans dominated the final match by winning three straight games, while also capping off the season with an impressive 27-game winning streak. This is an extraordinary accomplishment because Cincinnati has some tremendous high school girls volleyball teams, Mother Mercy and St. Ursula and Seton and Mt. Notre Dame and McCauley, just to name a few.

It is a great honor for me to recognize the success and achievements of these outstanding young women and their coach, Caryl Schawe, and the entire staff. Their hard work and dedication have made our entire community proud. Congratulations to Roger Bacon.

IN HONOR OF THOMAS M. FOGLIETTA

(Ms. PELOSI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise to pay tribute to a former Member of this body, Tom Foglietta, who passed away so suddenly this week. Tommy was a gentleman, a diplomat, and a lovely and gracious man. We will miss him terribly.

At age 26 Tom Foglietta, as a Republican, Mr. Speaker, became the youngest person in the history of Philadelphia to be elected to the city council. He served there for nearly 20 years, devoted to the city he loved. In 1980, as a Democrat, Tom was elected to the Congress. I saw firsthand his values and his effectiveness as a member of the Committee on Appropriations where we developed a strong working relationship and a close friendship and took pride in our mutual respect for our Italian American heritage.

Tommy headed the Congressional Urban Caucus, promoted mass transit, and fought valiantly for the needs of Philadelphia, including the preservation of the Philadelphia Navy Yard. The entire country is in his debt for his relentless dedication to preserve and protect Philadelphia's Independence Hall, one of our Nation's sacred public places. In 1997 President Bill Clinton appointed Tom Foglietta to be the U.S. Ambassador to Italy, fulfilling a lifetime dream of his to serve his beloved

America in his family's ancestral home. Many of us heard him say over and over again that his grandparents came down the hill on a donkey in Italy to leave to go to America and he returned just two generations later as a U.S. Ambassador to Italy. It was in that role, in one simple act, that the world came to love and appreciate Tommy as we do.

Shortly after he arrived, a U.S. Marine fighter plane flying off course struck a cable car wire and killed 20 Italian skiers. There was great grief and outrage over this tragic event. The next day Tommy visited the site, knelt in the cold snow, and said a quiet heartfelt prayer for those who had lost their lives. That photograph of his prayer appeared in newspapers around the world presenting a human face of compassion for the United States. His act helped to diffuse the public anger over the deaths and to convey the sincere apology of our country. Tommy did that spontaneously because he was a man of faith.

We expected no less of our Tommy. Quite simply, he was a good man we all loved to be around.

Tom Foglietta began his political career as a city councilman as a Republican, as I mentioned. He later ran for Congress and won as an Independent and then became a Democrat and remained so for the rest of his life.

But Tommy remained close to the people from all across the political spectrum, a testament to his appealing personality, his open mind, and his respect to each and every person in this body.

Mr. Speaker, I know that I speak for many here when I extend the condolences to Tommy's family and to the Pennsylvania delegation for this loss.

DR. CONDOLEEZZA RICE

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to applaud the nomination by President Bush of Dr. Condoleezza Rice to be the 66th United States Secretary of State.

Dr. Rice is an extraordinary American leader who has served our Nation admirably during a time of war. She fully understands the true nature of the terrorist threat against our Nation and has shown the strength and dignity that will be needed to work with our coalition partners in the global war on terrorism.

Dr. Rice, born in Birmingham, Alabama, has lived a remarkable life. A former professor and provost of Stanford University, she is a foreign affairs expert who served in President George H. W. Bush's administration. As the current national security adviser, she is also a respected author and renowned classical pianist. As President Bush announced, the Secretary of State is America's face to the world;

and in Dr. Rice the world will see the strength, the grace, and the decency of our country.

In conclusion, may God bless our troops and we will never forget September 11.

SAVING THE ANAHEIM ANGELS

(Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, in 1965 my siblings and I used to play in the construction site of Anaheim Stadium. In 1966 the Angels played their first season in Anaheim, California. It took us from 1966 to 2 years ago to win a World Series, and boy were we proud of our Anaheim Angels.

Today I rise in strong support of the city of Anaheim in its quest to save the Anaheim Angels. The new owner wants to change the name to the Los Angeles Angels. The city of Anaheim does not want that. The fans of the Anaheim Angels do not want that. Even the City of Los Angeles does not want them named Los Angeles Angels. See, Anaheim is not Los Angeles.

So today I hope that Artie Moreno, the new owner, will realize that they are champions and they are the Anaheim Angels and they should remain the Anaheim Angels.

THE OIL-FOR-FOOD PROGRAM

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, the amount of money Saddam Hussein socked away by subverting the U.N. Oil-for-Food program was \$21.3 billion. Much of it is being used by terrorists in Iraq to this very day. After the Gulf War, the international community set about to make sure that the international community did not add to the suffering of the Iraqi people who already endured under Hussein. Unfortunately, officials at the U.N. and corporate executives conspired with the Iraqi dictator to create a complex web of patronage and bribery.

Mr. Speaker, we all know that Saddam Hussein was an evil dictator who encouraged terror and violence. However, the U.N.'s inability to enforce its own sanctions, 17 of them since 1991, has today been highlighted by its complicity in the suffering of the Iraqi people. There is no excuse. The U.N. must be reformed. Those responsible must be punished. The Oil-for-Food program is a symptom of a much larger problem, a lack of accountability and an absence of resolve.

OVERTIME

(Mr. EMANUEL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, in today's New York Times we learned about Trudy LeBlue, an employee of a hair salon outside of New Orleans. Ms. LeBlue's story is like that of many hard-working Americans. While she struggles to make ends meet, her employer forces her to work off the clock just to avoid paying overtime.

Across this country American families are working toward a better life, yet find their climb getting tougher. Just this week we learned wholesale inflation is up 1.7 percent last month alone, the sharpest monthly increase in 15 years. Since 2001 health care costs are up by a third, college tuition costs up by 32 percent, personal bankruptcies up by 38 percent.

But what is the Congress doing to reduce the burdens on American families? A tax policy that has shifted the burden onto working families off of wealth, failed to pass a higher education legislation, failed to pass legislation on comprehensive health care or on energy policy. And just last night alone we voted to increase our Nation's debt to \$8 trillion, a 40 percent increase in the past 4 years. This vote was a fitting end to this Congress's record on the economy and what it has done for working families. Rather than making the right choices, we pass the buck.

Mr. Speaker, the American people look to the Congress to solve their problems, not add to them. Yet more than often than not, the 108th Congress has chosen to pass our responsibilities on to future generations. Mr. Speaker, passing the buck is not leadership. It is a Ponzi scheme.

ACCUTANE

(Mr. STUPAK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, Dr. Graham, medical review officer of the FDA, told the Senate that there are a number of drugs that should be pulled from the market. One of the drugs that should be pulled from the market is the drug Accutane. This devastating drug has crippled America for some time and its youth. Not only has Dr. Graham called for the pulling of Accutane, but Dr. Huene, one of the first medical review officers to look at Accutane when it first came on the market, found serious problems with Accutane and asked for help and was ignored by the FDA. Dr. O'Connell, who suggested severe restrictions of the use of the drug Accutane, again was ignored by the FDA management. Dr. Graham has now come out against this drug, again being ignored by FDA management.

Not only are these three medical review officers in the FDA calling for severe restrictions or pulling the drug from the market, but also the CDC backed in 1990 because of birth defects said this drug should be pulled from

the market. The March of Dimes has said this drug should be severely restricted when used because of birth defects. Two FDA panels have come out and told the FDA, their own advisory panels, to severely restrict the use and distribution of this drug. Again they were ignored.

It is time we pulled this drug Accutane from the market.

HONORING TOM FOGLIETTA

(Ms. DELAURO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a former Member of this body and friend who passed away this week, someone who left a profound mark on his community, his Nation, and this institution. Whether it was his dedication to our friends in the international community or the working people in his own community, Tom Foglietta was special, a man with a common touch and high ideals. With Tom we always knew he was someone who would fight, who was with us to the end regardless of the odds or the politics of the matter. His fight to keep the Philadelphia Navy Yard open is legendary.

As I reflect on his time in the Congress, I remember a man who understood what it meant to bring the values of his constituents to Washington. A fellow Italian American, Tom and I often discussed how it was our parents' example serving on respective city councils, his in Philadelphia, mine in New Haven, that inspired us to enter a life of politics and give back to the communities that had given us so much.

Living out his lifelong dream as an ambassador to Italy, I will never forget how he knelt down in prayer for the victims in the Cavalese cable car tragedy, sending a powerful message to the world that America weeps for the sons and daughters of its allies as if they were our very own. In turn, the Italian people loved him as he loved them.

Throughout his career, whether it was his work in Italy, to secure the peace in Haiti, to forge a democracy in South Korea, Tom Foglietta understood that America's role in the world was rooted in moral leadership, in common values, humility and humanity.

I will miss so many things about our friendship, dinners with the gang, eating pasta with gravy, his cooking in my kitchen.

I will miss his friendship, his moral leadership. We all will. Grazi, Don Tomaso. His passion for people knew no bounds. For that he will forever be in our hearts.

TAX RELIEF AND FISCAL DISCIPLINE ARE COMPLEMENTARY, NOT CONFLICTING, OBJECTIVES

(Ms. HARRIS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, as we enter a new Congress with the American people's mandate to extend tax relief and reduce the deficit, I wish to remind my colleagues of the following wisdom: "Our true choice is not between tax reduction on the one hand and the avoidance of large Federal deficits on the other . . . It is a paradoxical truth that tax rates are far too high today and tax revenues are too low and the soundest way to raise the revenues in the long run is to cut rates now."

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Who articulated this simple but powerful case for the economic policies of this President and this Congress? Not George W. Bush. Not even Ronald Reagan. President John F. Kennedy made these remarks just a month and a half following the hottest moment of the Cold War, the Cuban Missile Crisis.

Kennedy and Reagan launched two of the longest economic booms in American history by cutting taxes. They also increased Federal revenues, more than double during the decade of President Kennedy's across-the-board tax cuts, and more than 75 percent over the 10 years following President Reagan's Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981.

But from 1981 to 1991, Federal spending increased a whopping 95 percent. Thus, the deficit quadrupled because of runaway government spending, not because the American people got to keep more of their hard-earned money.

Once again, we have arrived at the moment of truth. This time, we cannot make excuses for the failure to restrain spending. This time, our philosophy of low taxes and limited government is on the line. This time, let us show the American people that tax relief and fiscal discipline are complementary, not conflicting objectives.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 859 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 859

Resolved, That it shall be in order at any time on the legislative day of Friday, November 19, 2004, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules. The Speaker or his designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or her designee on the designation of any matter for consideration pursuant to this resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The gentleman from Texas (Mr. SESSIONS) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. HASTINGS), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.